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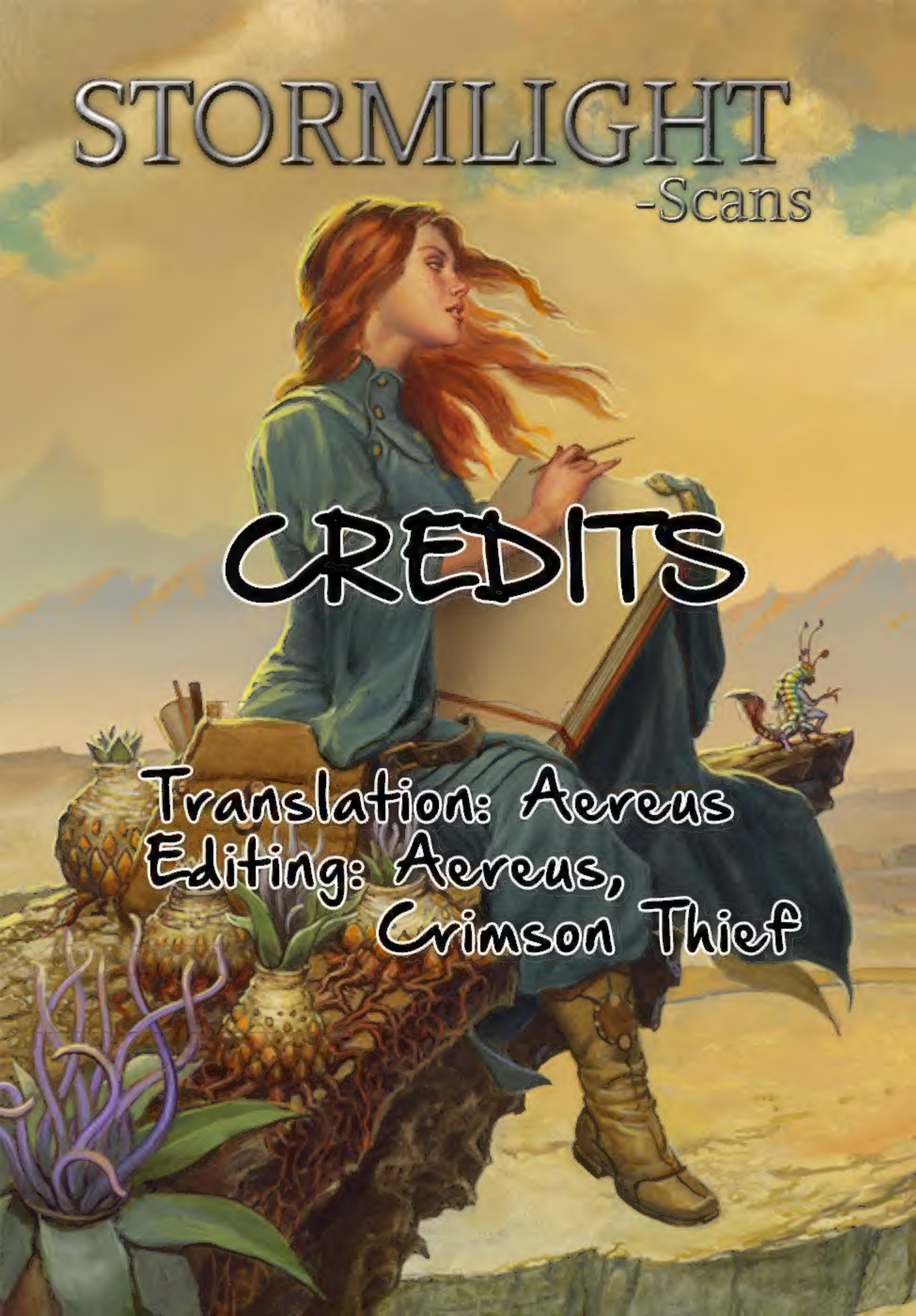

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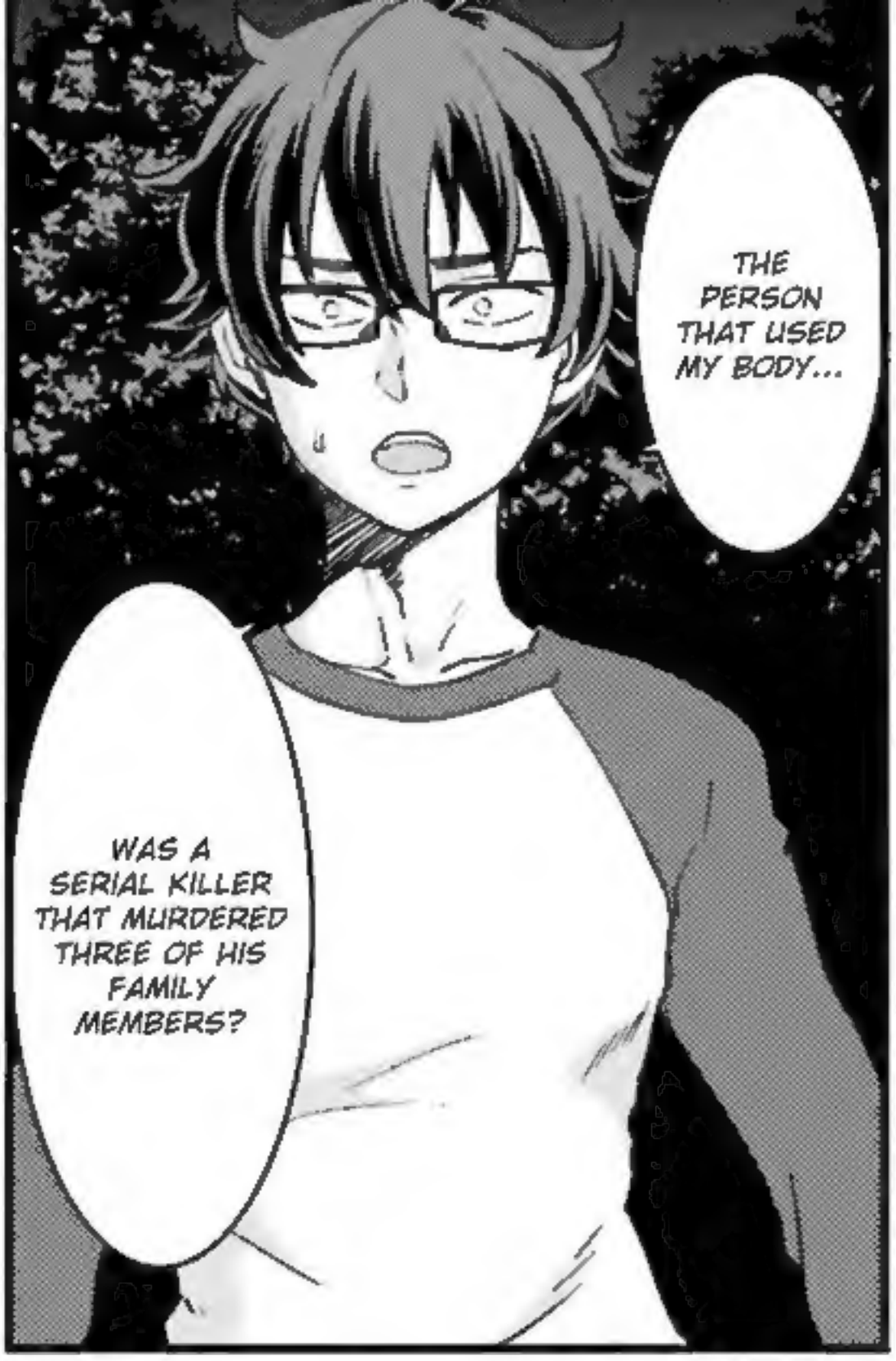
前回まで●引きこもりの姉をもつ浩樹は、姉へのあてつけに「他人と体を交換できる」というウェブサイトにアクセスする。女性アイドルの三九二の体に入った浩樹が元の体に戻ると、自分の体に入り込んだ何者かにより、姉が殺されていた。浩樹は犯人を突き止めるため三九二に接触し、その壮絶な過去と、彼女が入った体の持ち主を知ったのだが――？

MIDNIGHT CROSS METHOD

# X真夜中の儀典

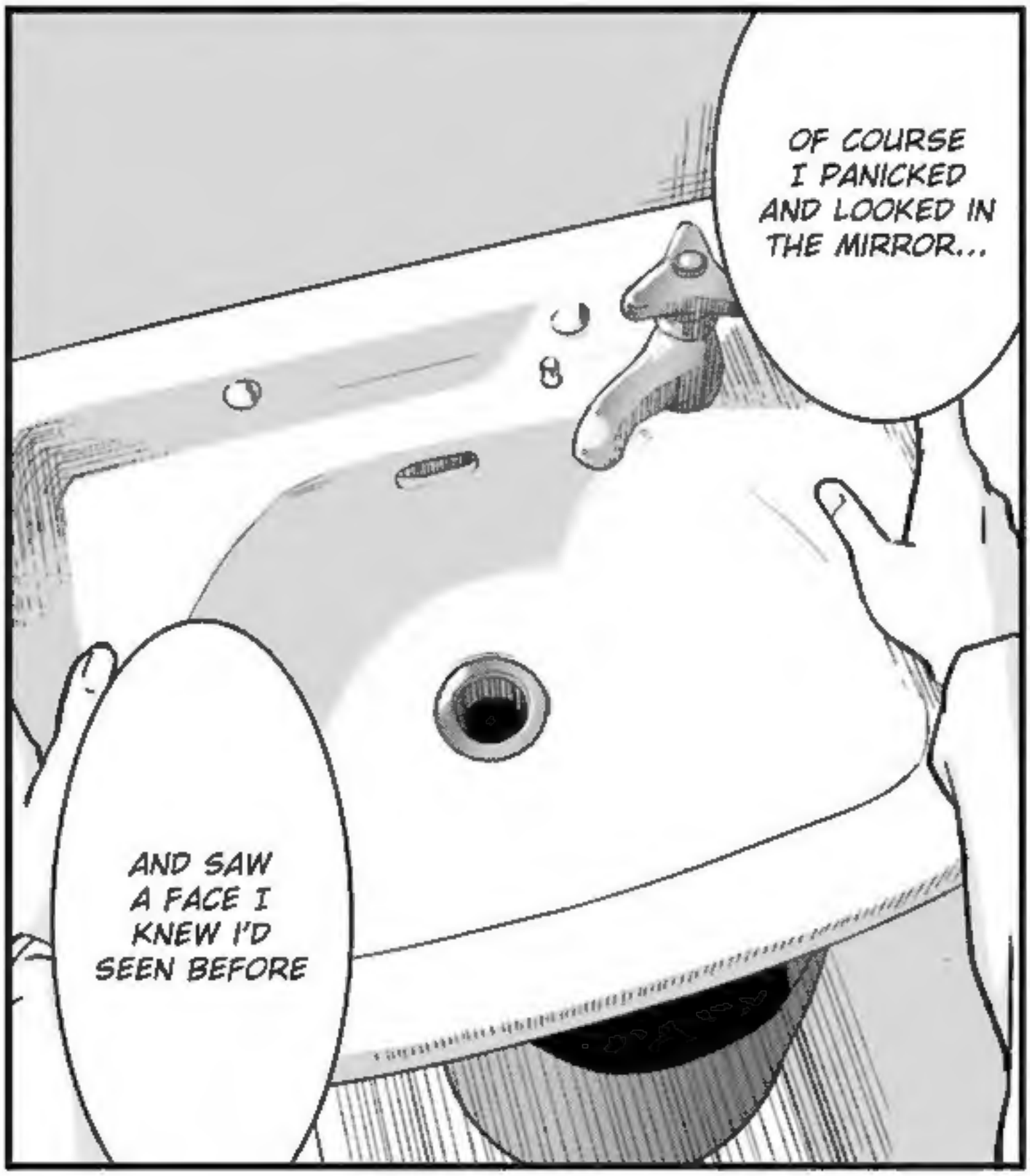
A beautiful idol dripping wet!

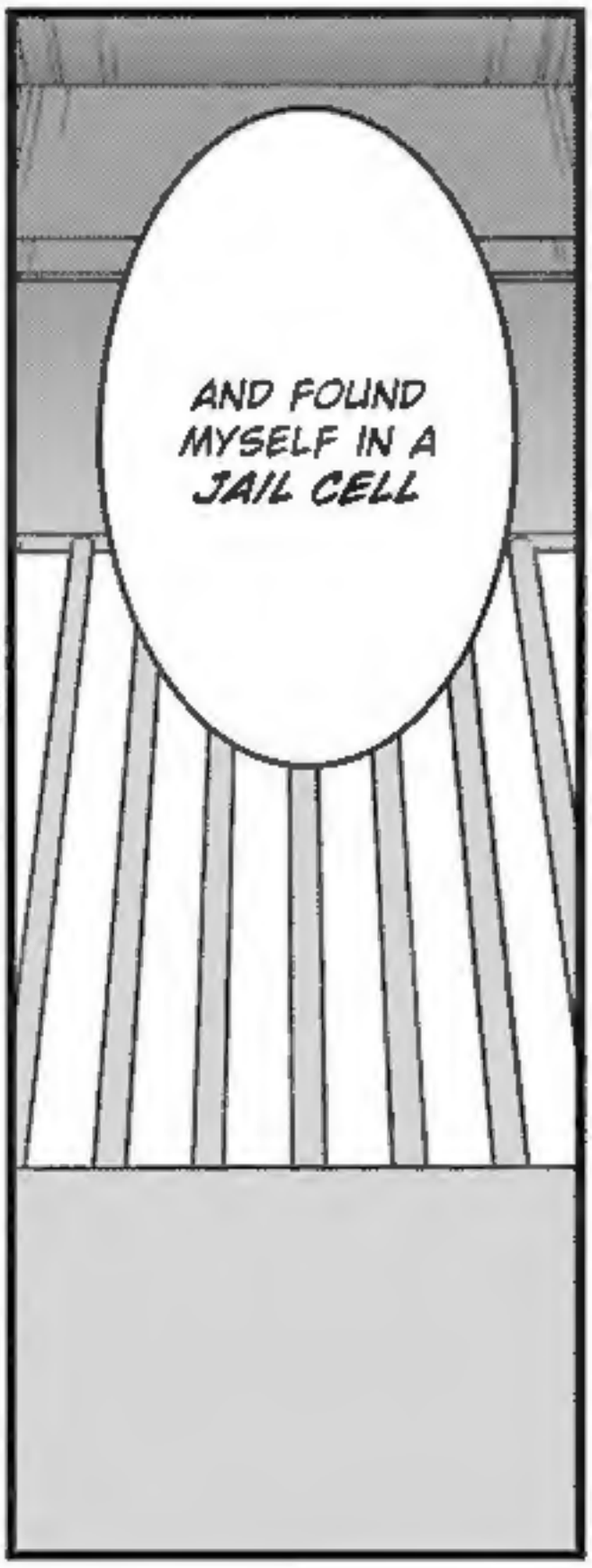
#4 SILENCE REGRET




神谷浩樹●ぐうたらな姉の由衣をもつ高校生。自分の体に入った何者かにより、姉を殺されてしまった。

御厨三九二●アイドルグループ・BKR48のメンバー。浩樹がその体に入った相手でもある。



WASN'T THERE JUST AN ARTICLE ABOUT SOME TEENAGE SERIAL KILLER?

OF COURSE THE ARTICLE DIDN'T GIVE ANY DETAILS ABOUT HIS NAME OR FACE

BUT HIS REAL NAME AND PICTURE WERE LEAKED ONLINE

KIRISHIMA SACHI

CONSIDERED A PRODIGY, HIS GRADES WERE AT THE TOP OF HIS CLASS

BY ALL ACCOUNTS, THEY GOT ALONG WELL AND WERE APPARENTLY QUITE FAMOUS IN THE NEIGH-BORHOOD

KIRISHIMA SACHI, AGE 18. FROM A FAMILY OF FIVE WITH AN OLDER BROTHER AND YOUNGER SISTER.

HE STABBED THEM REPEATEDLY USING A ***KITCHEN KNIFE*** FOUND INSIDE THE HOME

HIS SISTER HAD SERIOUS INJURIES, BUT MANAGED TO SURVIVE...

AFTER BEING ARRESTED BY THE POLICE, WHAT DO YOU THINK HE TOLD THEM?

THEN ONE DAY HE KILLED HIS ***ENTIRE FAMILY*** EXCEPT FOR HIS LITTLE SISTER

DON'T THE EVENTS OF THAT CASE...

HE SAID, "I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF EXPRESSION A PERSON WOULD HAVE AFTER BEING ATTACKED BY SOMEONE THEY TRUSTED DEEPLY."

SEEM SIMILAR TO WHAT HAPPENED AT YOUR HOUSE?

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THAT SERIAL KILLER KIRISHIMA SACHI ENTERED MY BODY...

IN OTHER WORDS...

AND KILLED MY SISTER

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IF HER "BROTHER" WERE TO SUDDENLY ATTACK HER

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THE MOTIVE WAS...

SEEING HOW CLOSE MY SISTER WAS TO ME AS FAMILY,

!?

WHAT THE HELL KIND OF REASON IS THAT!

IF I HADN'T JOINED THAT STUPID EVENT, MY SISTER WOULD STILL...!!

THOUGHT "I REALLY WANTED TO SEE WHAT KIND OF EXPRESSION SHE WOULD MAKE" AND KILLED HER?!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? TO GET MY REVENGE!

BUT... THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON THAT WITH THESE HANDS I WILL...

W-WAIT A MINUTE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

W-WELL...

HOW EXACTLY DO YOU PLAN TO GET YOUR REVENGE?! HE'S IN PRISON RIGHT NOW!

ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!

WITH THAT MANY UNKNOWNS, **LET ME HANDLE THIS.**

HUH?

DON'T **HUH?** ME

CROSS ACT? CROSS... ABILITY?

EVEN IF YOU WERE TO USE **CROSS ACT** AND SWAP BODIES,

YOU WOULD HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO USE HIS **CROSS ABILITY** AFTERWARDS

UHM, WELL...

WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...

I'M GOING TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR SISTER'S MURDERER!

I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY

SEEING AS I TOOK OUT A LOAN WITH YOU...

THE DEBT FROM THAT LOAN KINDA MAKES US LIKE FAMILY, RIGHT?

IMAGINE THAT...

THE THING I HATE MOST IN THIS WORLD IS DEBT

RIGHT NOW I'M A MURDERER... IF ANYONE FINDS OUT, WOULDN'T THAT JEOPARDIZE YOUR POSITION AS AN IDOL?

TO BE HONEST, THERE ARE TOO MANY THINGS I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SO I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE HELP, BUT...

YOU WANT TO REPAY THAT DEBT, YOU'RE SAYING?

HAH! YEAH, RIGHT.

WELL... SOMETHING LIKE THAT

HA HA..
I SEE.

THAT WAY YOUR POPULARITY WOULD ACTUALLY INCREASE.

IF THAT HAPPENS, I'LL JUST SAY YOU THREAT-ENED ME,

AND PLAY THE ROLE OF THE *TRAGIC HEROINE.*

SERIOUS-LY?...

SO YOU BETTER COME RUNNING IF I CALL FOR YOU!

OF COURSE!

AREN'T YOU SUPER BUSY, THOUGH?

THE NEXT DAY

AT SCHOOL

SO... WHAT I'M SAYING IS I WANT TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU...

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YOU SEE... I SAID SOME DEEPLY HURTFUL THINGS TO YOU...

UHH, WELL... I'M SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER DAY.

UHM... KAMIYA-KUN.

*STUDENT, 1000 YEN | FLOWERS AND SNOW...

CRUSH

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SORRY ANNO-SAN, BUT I'M IN A BIT OF A HURRY TODAY

OH...

NEXT TIME!

SORRY! WERE YOU WAITING?

YOU'RE LATE!

THREE AND A HALF MINUTES, YOU IDIOT!

S-SO VERY SORRY!

YES MA'AM...

FOR MAKING ME WAIT, YOU'RE GOING TO BUY ME A CAKE SET FROM THAT CAFE OVER THERE.

LET'S GET TO THE MATTER AT HAND, SHALL WE?

ANYWAYS, HOW ABOUT WE START WITH TALKING ABOUT *CROSS ACT.*

WE'RE FINE.

H-HEY... SHOULD WE REALLY BE TALKING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

ARE YOU SURE HE ISN'T JUST HARD OF HEARING...

GRIND GRIND

ANY OF IT WILL GO BEYOND THESE WALLS.

MASTER "IRON MOUTH" IS FAMOUS IN THE INDUSTRY. IDOLS CAN SPEAK FREELY HERE WITHOUT WORRYING. .

WOULD YOU CARE TO TRY "EXCHANGING YOUR BODY AND SOUL"?

SAME WITH ME...

I DON'T KNOW WHO STARTED IT, OR EVEN HOW IT WORKS,

BUT ONE DAY I SUDDENLY RECEIVED AN EMAIL ASKING IF I WANTED TO TRY SWAPPING BODIES.

Ooh

Ooooh

IF ANYONE FOUND OUT THAT AN IDOL LIKE MYSELF WAS PARTICIPATING...

INDEED...

BASTARDS WOULD LINE UP IN DROVES FOR A CHANCE TO SWAP WITH ME.

EXCEPT TECHNICALLY THEY *AREN'T* COMPLETELY RANDOM...

I THINK I GET HOW YOU MAKE MONEY FROM THIS...

BUT NO MATTER HOW RANDOM IT MAY BE, SOME CREEP POSSIBLY LANDING IN YOUR BODY IS A BIG PROBLEM!

!

IF YOU THINK BACK REEEALLY HARD, *THE SHAPES OF ALL THE DOORS WERE DIFFERENT,* WEREN'T THEY?

RUMORS COULD SPREAD THAT YOU...

LOST YOUR VIRGINITY

IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU KNOW THE SHAPE OF THE DOOR YOU WANT, YOU CAN...

PICK YOUR PARTNER

THE SHAPE OF THE DOOR AND YOUR BODY ARE *LINKED.*

EXCEPT... THAT DAY SHE WAS A BIT LATE AND ALL EIGHT SPOTS WERE FILLED, SO SHE COULDN'T GET IN...

AND QUICKLY SWITCH WITH HER BEFORE ANYONE ELSE HAS THE CHANCE.

THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS PARTICIPATE IN CROSS ACT WITH SOMEONE I TRUST

THERE'S A WAY TO CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER...

SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS..

AND WELL...

...YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT.

ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS FOR YOU TO DO IT FOR REAL, EXACTLY LIKE I SAID.

LET'S SWITCH

UHM... YEAH.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW CROSS ACT WORKS NOW?

OKAY, THEN NEXT WE SHOULD GO OVER CROSS ABILITIES,

SINCE SHE'S GOING TO BE GETTING HERE SOON...

SENPAI...? OH, SHE'S A JUNIOR MEMBER OF BKR. I THINK I'VE SEEN HER FACE BEFORE...

RING-A-LING

UHM, SENPAI... WHO MIGHT THIS BE?

OH, UHM...

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, MIKUNI-SENPAI!

I ALREADY KNOW! MAKINA KAEDE-CHAN!

SHE'S ONE OF MIKU-MIKU'S KOUHAI IN BKR'S ***THREE SAGES!*** I'M A BIG FAN OF YOURS!!

AND... THIS IS...

Uhm

GREETINGS

THIS IS KAMIYA HIROKI-KUN. HE'S... A FRIEND, I GUESS?

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DON

"MY CROSS ABILITY IS **SILENCE REGRET.** TO ACTIVATE IT, YOU MUST STARE INTO THEIR EYES FOR 30 SECONDS STRAIGHT..."

OOPS, NOW'S NOT THE TIME! I NEED TO TRY DOING WHAT MIKURIYA TOLD ME ABOUT...

MAKINA-SAN, COULD I HAVE A MOMENT?

...SAN?

"STRAIGHT..."

WHY THANK YOU

SMILE

AWW... IDOLS SURE ARE CUTE...

INA

OH MAN

SHE'S

A TOTAL PERVERT!

I THOUGHT I WAS FINALLY GOING TO HAVE TIME ALONE WITH SENPAI

WHY'S THIS GUY HERE?!

OH?

LET ME GUESS...

UGH, SO ANNOYING...

I WISH HE WOULD JUST DIE

DIE ALREADY!!

SENPAI IS SUCH AN ANGEL-

I WANT TO *BLEEP* SENPAI'S *BLEEP* WITH MY *BLEEP*

OOOH... BEING *BLEEP* BY SENPAI ALSO MIGHT BE NICE

LAUGH

YOU SWAPPED BODIES WITH SENPAI?

SWEAT

STARE

...YES

SWEAT

SWEAT

SORRY!

GET OUT

SFX:URK

IN THAT SENSE, I TRUST HER.

AS YOU CAN SEE, WITH HOW SHE IS, SHE WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING TO HURT ME.

I'M THE ONLY ONE SENPAI NEEDS *INSIDE HER,* YOU HEAR ME?!

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.

AS I SAID BEFORE, THE PERSON I ALWAYS SWAP BODIES WITH.

THIS IS MAKINA KAEDE, MY KOUHAI AND...

HMPH

PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS HAD THESE ABILITIES, BUT NORMALLY THEIR SPIRIT ACTS AS A "CAP" PREVENTING THEIR USE.

BUT WHEN THE SPIRIT CHANGES, THAT ABILITY CAN LEAK OUT, ALLOWING ITS USE... THAT'S THE IDEA, AT LEAST.

Spirit = Ability

Spirit is an exact match

Spirit = Ability

Spirit doesn't match

Spirit

Leaks out

Ability can be used

EXACTLY

DO YOU GET HOW THE CROSS ABILITIES WORK NOW?

ESSENTIALLY, WHEN YOU ENTER SOMEONE ELSE'S BODY, YOU'RE ABLE TO USE THEIR LATENT SPECIAL ABILITY?

HMPH

WELL... HER ABILITY IS ***MEAN*** SO I WON'T BOTHER EXPLAINING IT.

EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN DIFFERING ABILITIES.

YOU HAVE ONE AND SO DOES SHE.

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SO MY BODY HAS ONE OF THOSE CROSS ABILITIES AS WELL?

OF COURSE

AS I SAID EARLIER, MY ***SILENCE REGRET*** REQUIRES LOOKING THEM IN THE EYES FOR 30 SECONDS.

ONLY THEN CAN YOU READ THEIR MIND.

KEEP IN MIND THERE IS ALWAYS AN ***ACTIVATION CONDITION*** FOR CROSS ABILITIES.

THERE IS ONE THING I *CAN* TELL YOU THOUGH

THEY SEEM TO BE *AN ABILITY THAT WOULD HELP YOU GET THE THING YOU THINK IS YOUR ONE TRUE DESIRE.*

I WASN'T ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE ACTIVATION CONDITION WHEN IN YOUR BODY EARLIER...

SO FOR NOW

YOUR CROSS ABILITY REMAINS UNKNOWN.

I HOPE TO GOD MY SISTER'S DEATH WASN'T CAUSED BY MY CROSS ABILITY...

IS THAT POSSIBLE...?

CLENCH

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOUR ***ONE TRUE DESIRE*** IS, YOU MAY ALREADY HAVE A CLUE AS TO WHAT YOUR CROSS ABILITY IS.

SOMETHING I THINK I REALLY WANT...

SO SENPAI, WHAT WAS YOUR REAL REASON FOR INVITING ME TODAY?

AH, WELL...

AHEM

YES... THAT'S CORRECT.

ISN'T YOUR FATHER A PROSECUTOR FOR THE POLICE OR SOMETHING? AND HAS A LOT OF PULL WITH THEM?

I'D LIKE TO...

MEET WITH A *CERTAIN MAN* CURRENTLY IN PRISON... CAN HE MAKE THAT HAPPEN?

THAT'S...

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SEVERAL DAYS LATER

UNDER-STOOD

BECAUSE REP. MAKINA SENT US WORD THAT YOU WERE CLOSE FRIENDS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL.

WE'RE MAKING AN EXCEPTION IN ALLOWING THIS MEETING

DON'T SPEAK A WORD ABOUT THIS TO ANYONE.

DON'T SPEAK WITH HIM.. KIRISHIMA SACHI, FOR TOO LONG.

BEFORE YOU MEET WITH HIM, I WANTED TO GIVE YOU ONE PIECE OF ADVICE.

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AFTER THE INCIDENT, A COUNSELLOR, EXAMINER, LAWYER, AND TWO JAILERS ALL SPOKE WITH HIM AT LENGTH.

ALL OF THEM WERE PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AFTER-WARDS.

...

PLEASE WAIT INSIDE THIS ROOM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

THIS GUY SOUNDS RATHER DANGER-OUS,

BUT YOU REMEMBER WHAT ***WE**** HAVE TO DO RIGHT?

...YES

*FEMININE TONE USED

SO I STARE KIRISHIMA SACHI IN THE EYES FOR 30 SECONDS TO READ HIS MIND?

RIGHT... THEN WE SHOULD KNOW WHETHER OR NOT KIRISHIMA WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED YOUR SISTER.

OPEN

KIRISHIMA SACHI

THIS IS...

STEP

HERE HE COMES...

STEP

STEP

GREETINGS

SO YOU'RE THE ONES? MY SO-CALLED *CLOSE FRIENDS* THAT WANTED TO MEET WITH ME.

JUST 20 MORE SECONDS

I JUST HAVE TO STARE HIM IN THE EYES FOR 30 SEC-ONDS AND I SHOULD HAVE MY ANSWER...!

2 5 1 4 3

.....IS

I CAN SEE IT...

....KNOW

10 SECONDS LEFT

!

...UNLESS THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE YOU'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW?

HE... KNOWS?!

YOU'LL MAKE ME BLUSH.

IF A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOURSELF KEEPS STARING AT ME SO INTENTLY,

!?

HEHE... YOU TWO SWAPPED BODIES.

ARE YOU IN SOME SORT OF TROUBLE?

LET ME HEAR ABOUT IT.

I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

IN A WAY, BEING ABLE TO SWAP BODIES MAKES ME FEEL A *KINSHIP* WITH THE TWO OF YOU.

LET US STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH THEN, SHALL WE?

IT DEFINITELY SEEMS LIKE READING HIS MIND WON'T BE POSSIBLE...

SURE. I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW.

YOU KNOW SOME-THING?

I SEE... YOUR SISTER WAS... THAT IS REGRETTABLE TO HEAR.

HOWEVER!

ONLY IF YOU AGREE TO MY ONE... REQUEST.

WHERE WILL THESE DANGEROUS NEGOTIATIONS LEAD!?

SO...

ONE OF YOU PLEASE LEND ME YOUR BODY.

I WILL DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE AFTER THAT.

I WISH TO LEAVE THIS PLACE FOR JUST ONE DAY.

THERE IS SOMETHING I REGRETFULLY LEFT BEHIND.

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